

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Ankele, Alma Rae
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January 14, 1959

Mrs. Alice Rae Ankele
901 Woodedale Avenue
Toledo 9, Ohio

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Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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901 Wooddale Avenue
Toledo 9, Ohio

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Office of the President



January 9, 1959

Mr. James R. Hoffo, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In regard to your communication of December 31st relative to the story on
Alma Roe Ankele, I am attaching a report from Jack Gallon, Attorney,
which is self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

Lawrence N. Steinberg

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att.

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JACK GALLON

MEMORANDUM

TO: L. M. Steinberg
FROM: Jack Gallon
DATE: January 6, 1959
RE: Charles E. Ankele

I was given a letter directed to you from General President Hoffa bearing date of December 31, 1958 to relate to you what I had done to help this woman.

As you recall she came in to see me as a private attorney because someone had advised her that I would be fair with her and also that since I represented the Teamsters and her husband was a Teamster member that this would be her final chance. Before coming to see me she had talked to another Toledo attorney who has represented the family for many years and also she had an attorney representing her in the original case in Indiana.

She had no money or means to employ counsel in Toledo and I looked into the matter meeting with the other Toledo attorney and discovered that there was nothing that could be done at this time without a trip to Indiana and possibly 3 or 4 days work in Indiana to convince the judge that his sentence should be lighter. She gave me a letter from her own attorney telling her that nothing could be done for a new trial at this time and nothing could be done to convince the judge of a lighter sentence. The law in Indiana is that where you inflict injury during the commission of a felony then life sentence is mandatory. This man, as you will recall, was in the process of robbing a filling station attendant between Toledo and Chicago and hit the attendant over the head with the butt of his gun when the filling attendant gave him some difficulty.

The Teamster was getting the money because he had just gambled away all of the money which he had and as I had told you earlier had been gambling and neglecting his family for some time in addition to taking no-nod pills to keep awake while working. As you recall, this Teamster had not been a member of Local 20 for several years, since he had lost his job with one of our companies and worked for a company out of Chicago. I explained to you the hopelessness of the case to the

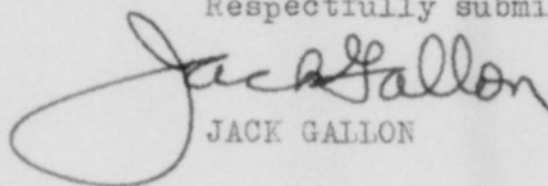


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fact that unless someone would pay the bill for him it would be impossible for me to represent the wife or to do very much good. When it was discovered he was not a member of this local and it was almost impossible for me to help her I explained both these factors to her and informed her that I could do nothing for her. After meeting several times with her and with her other attorney in Toledo as well as looking into the Indiana law I told her I could not help her but did not charge her anything for my time.

This letter to you is the first I have heard from the case since the beginning of December.

Respectfully submitted,


JACK GALLON

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Duke L. Alma Rae

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December 31, 1958

Mr. Lawrence N. Steinberg, President
Local Union No. 20
435 South Hawley Street
Toledo 9, Ohio

Dear Larry:

Enclosed is a copy of a communication from Alas
Rae Anhele.

What is the story on this?

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/alb
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Toledo Ohio

Dec. 17, 1958.

Dear Mr Hoffa:

Today I received a magazine "The International Seaman" for the second time. My husband, Charles E. Ankels, and I have been married for seven years and these are the 1st copies of the magazine I've ever seen.

I recently asked help of the local here in Toledo to try and save my husband and because he had to transfer to Chicago local in order to work and then I made a mistake & got a withdrawal card from Chicago I'm told that he is not considered a member until he is ready to go back to work. So I received no help.

My husband would be only to glad to go back to work if he were allowed to, but you see he is serving a life sentence in Michigan City Indiana. Its a long story, but he hit a man in the head & put him in the hospital for six days, with no permanent injury and for that a circuit judge gave him life and to add insult to injury laughed in his face when he read the sentence & told him if he lived long enough he could get out in app. 13 yrs. That judge in my opinion should be thrown out of office. I turned to the union thinking, hoping & praying they could bring pressure to bear some place that would help to get my husband a new trial. Charles has been a member of Seaman for about 20 yrs & they couldnt help because of a withdrawal card. My six yr old son & I are left to mercy of county relief all because one man a judge cant understand that a man can become ill from overwork worry & illness & then even refuse to sign papers for a new trial. There is something rotten with laws that can ruin the lives of three people. Because of illness of son & myself I cant even go out and work to help.

I realize you probably are not interested in all the heart break & misery I am going through, but please dont bother to waste postage sending me your magazine. I really

felt the Seamen were my only hope and the only ones
big enough to help me win a fight to get my
husband a different lighter sentence, and I feel
that they let us down. I have no hope no dreams for
the future. So don't send me your magazines, it also seems
to be adding insult to injury to a heart broken wife & son

Sincerely

Alma Rae Ankels
801 Wooddale Ave
Salado 9, Ohio.